

Duty, Honor, Country

Base detail seeks recruits for mission

By Christina Failma
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Hickam Base Honor Guard is a team of 35 members who volunteer their time and services throughout the base and all of the Hawaiian Islands.

Their main duty is funeral missions for retirees, active duty, and veterans. However, they can also be seen at various base events, retirements, weddings and posting and retiring of colors.

"I get an unparalleled sense of gratitude and respect by being part of the Base Honor Guard, not only for the members, but also for the past, present, and future members of the world's greatest Air Force," said 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Mayer, OIC Hickam Honor Guard. "Our dedicated members are willing to perform details in any weather and at anytime, and they are here because they're passionate about what they do."

"When presenting a flag to a family member of a fallen Air Force member, I feel an enormous sense of dignity, honor, and responsibility because when I present the flag I'm saying 'Thank you' not only for me, but on behalf of a grateful nation," he said.

Currently, the Hickam Honor Guard consists of 15 active members who practice rigorously every first and second Wednesday from 8 - 10 a.m. and on the third and fourth Wednesday from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. They are led by trainers Tech. Sgt. Dodie Pagaoa and Staff Sgt. Isidro Tabion.

"There's a lot of training involved with the honor guard. We like to look



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Above: (Left to right) Senior Airmen Gabriel Ruiz, Matthew Forster, and Airman 1st Class Douglas Aune make up a flag detail with 2nd Lt. Lacey Fowler (also inset) during a funeral Monday at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery.

sharp and that is something we're constantly working on," said Sergeant Pagaoa.

"The team is always looking for more people," Sergeant Pagaoa said. A veteran funeral requires a three-man team, a standard honors funeral consists of a ten-man team, and a full honors funeral requires 21 people. With a team of 15 active members, the Honor Guard is forced to call in six more members when they are needed.

With such a demanding schedule, the members are constantly on the move. In the past month alone, the Honor Guard has done 10 funerals and a handful of base events.

An ideal person for the Honor Guard is someone who is willing to work hard, is dedicated, has a good attitude, and is able to adapt to various situations. Such demand also reaps great rewards.

"I admire the hard work and loyalty put forth by all of our members, and we're



The casket detail completes the final horizontal fold of the American flag. The base honor guard has done 10 funerals and other base events this month.

always looking for more troops who are highly motivated and maintain an exceptionally high standard of appearance, conduct, and aptitude for ceremonial duty," Lieutenant Mayer said.

For more information on the Honor Guard, contact Tech. Sgt. Pagaoa or Staff Sgt. Tabion at 448-0955. For additional information, visit their Web site at www.hickamservices.com/honor1.html



Staff Sgt. Isidro Tabion, Hickam Honor Guard, inspects the American flag before it's presented to the next of kin. Sergeant Tabion is a trainer for the base honor guard.

AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 449-2239 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

MR. & MRS. SMITH – John and Jane are an ordinary suburban couple with an ordinary, lifeless suburban marriage. But each of them has a secret-they are actually both legendary assassins working for competing organizations. When the truth comes out, John and Jane end up in each other's cross-hairs. Starring Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. Rated PG-13 (sequences of violence, intense action, sexual content and brief strong language).

Saturday and Thursday at 2 p.m.

THE ADVENTURES OF SHARK BOY AND LAVA GIRL – 10- year- old Max is an outcast who has become lost in his own fantasy world in an attempt to escape the everyday worries of dealing with parents, school bullies and no-fun summer vacations. But when Max realizes the characters and adventures in his imagination might be more real than anyone else believes, his whole world changes. Now, Max is blasting off on a mission to Planet Drool where his superhero friends Sharkboy and Lavagirl live, and where the evil Mr. Electric threatens to do away with all dreams forever. Starring Taylor Lautner and Taylor Dooley. Rated PG (mild action and some rude humor).

Sunday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

THE HONEYMOONERS – New York City bus driver Ralph and his feisty wife Alice, struggle to make ends meet. Despite Ralph's many get-rich-quick schemes/motivational speaker tape series, they've managed to save some money and, along with their best friends, Ed and Trixie, they seem to have almost enough money for a down payment on a Brooklyn duplex. However, when Ralph decides to try to impress Alice by making up what he's lost and augmenting their savings with another of his crazy schemes, he winds up losing all their money and his marriage to boot - and it takes all his determination and love for Alice to get things on track again. Starring Cedric the Entertainer and Mike Epps. PG-13 (some innuendo and rude humor).

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
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American Independence

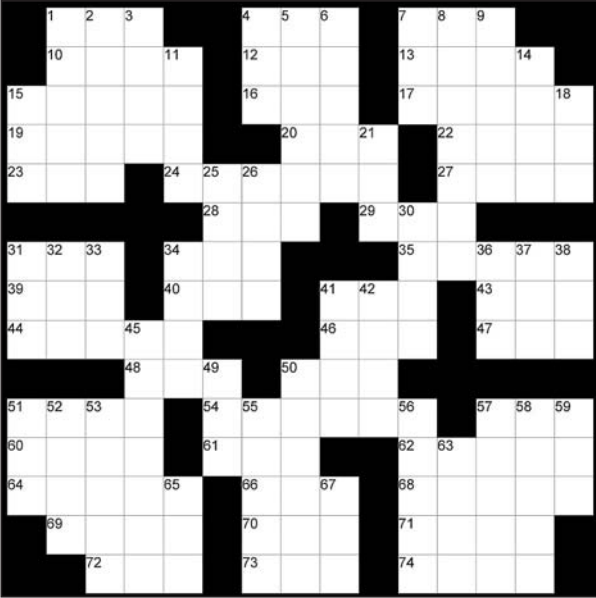
ACROSS

- 1. Mil. moving org.
- 4. Shade spot
- 7. Ship direction
- 10. Zeus' wife
- 12. Field movie Norma ____
- 13. Russian city
- 15. Funeral fires
- 16. Pacino movie ____
Given Sunday
- 17. Busy
- 19. Gold bar
- 20. Animal lair
- 22. Indian tribe
- 23. Iron or Bronze
- 24. Prize
- 27. Latch
- 28. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 29. Honest ____
- 31. Sum up
- 34. USAF reservist
- 35. Command
- 39. Female deer
- 40. Ask ____ what you can do ...
- 41. Prohibit
- 43. A Gershwin
- 44. Roundtree role
- 46. USAF Total Force component
- 47. Jimmy open
- 48. Caviar
- 50. Coop denizen
- 51. Region
- 54. Emptied a jug

- 57. TV USN lawyer show
- 60. Southern state, in brief
- 61. USAF E-2
- 62. Slogan
- 64. Farthing
- 66. Greek letter
- 68. USAF F-16 nickname
- 69. Driving crimes
- 70. Acquire
- 71. Middle East country
- 72. AOL, NetZero, etc., in brief
- 73. Op or Surreal
- 74. Mailed

DOWN

- 1. Airman ace Col. Harrison R ____ (15)
- 2. Join together
- 3. After school snack
- 4. Epoch
- 5. Airman ace 1st Lt. Reed G. ____ (10)
- 6. Airman ace Lt. Col. John C. ____ (24)
- 7. Alias, in short
- 8. Airman ace Capt. Harold E. ____ (10)
- 9. Small tropical freshwater fish
- 11. Dog star
- 14. Competes
- 15. Singer Zadora
- 18. Dem.'s opponent
- 21. Teacher's org.
- 25. Brief musical recording
- 26. Castle protector
- 30. Airman ace Maj. Richard I. ____ (40)
- 31. Commercials
- 32. Homer's saying



- 33. Federal drug concern org.
- 34. Hepburn movie Long Day's Journey ____ Night
- 36. Immerse
- 37. Mistake
- 38. Airman ace Capt. ____ S. Wetmore (21.25)
- 41. Airman ace 1st Lt. Paul P. ____ (9)
- 42. Writer Rice
- 45. Airman ace Lt. Col. Francis S. ____ (34.5)
- 49. Federal environment concern org.
- 50. Airman ace 1st Lt. Frank O. ____ (8)
- 51. Agassi org.
- 52. Bamboo
- 53. Boredom
- 55. Greek letter
- 56. Maj. George A. ____ Jr. (21)
- 57. Asian country
- 58. Player representative
- 59. Eur. country
- 63. Critical
- 65. Third eye
- 67. MCI competitor

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FSC offers classes in August

To register for any of the below classes, contact the family support center at 449-0300.

Family readiness briefing – Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 1 to 2 p.m. All active duty, civilian, and family members facing the possibility of a deployment or remote assignment are encouraged to attend.

Money management – Aug. 2 and 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. This “hands-on” class focuses on hot money issues such as budgeting and debt management principles and applications.

Sponsorship training – Aug. 4 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. As the unit's ambassador, sponsor's can make a person's relocation to Hawaii a very positive experience. Let the family support center staff help by offering a one-stop shop of the necessary tools and resources needed to be a successful sponsor.



Transition assistance program 3 1/2-day workshop – Aug. 9 to 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon. Join the FSC staff for a smooth and successful move to a second career or to retirement. Instructors from various agencies will provide information and training on the job search and other critical elements of the transition process.

Volunteer orientation – Aug. 11 and 25 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the American Red Cross, Pearl Harbor, building 1514. Learn about the many volunteer opportunities within the 15th Air-lift Wing, Pacific Air Forces or tenant agencies. Interested individuals can register through the Amer-

ican Red Cross at 449-0166.

Redeployment briefing – Aug. 12 and 26 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. People who recently returned from a contingency or deployment of 30 days or more should plan to attend this briefing. The Hickam Community Action Team will provide essential briefings and literature to returning members.

Looking for employment in Hawaii – Aug. 16 and 30 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Explore local employment trends, be informed on employment and education resources, register to use the Joint Employment Management System computerized job bank, and learn how to maximize a job search via the Internet.

Hickam play group – Tuesday to Friday sessions, Aug. 23 to 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the youth center skating rink. Parents and children ages 0 to 5 are invited to join the FSC's early childhood specialist for age-appropriate educa-

tional and recreational activities. No registration is required.

Interviewing with confidence – Aug. 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Experts agree the most critical part of the hiring process is the interview. Learn the skills and techniques to turn an interview into a positive experience. Learn various techniques to negotiate the best salary and benefits package.

Federal food distribution – Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the FSC lanai. Commodity foods are made available by the US Department of Agriculture to supplement the diets of income-eligible individuals. People must bring a copy of their current LES and ID card.

Smooth move – Aug. 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. Being prepared makes relocation less stressful. Subject matter experts will update attendees on the latest policy changes that may impact their move.



Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to
hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil
Tell us what you think or would like to see in Kukini

Donna Watson
15th Airlift Wing Protocol chief



Tech. Sgt. Vallery King
65th Airlift Squadron

15th AW Protocol rocks because: Being involved in all ceremonies keeps us busy and there is never a dull moment when on the flightline greeting dignitaries. I enjoy my job and look forward to coming to work daily.

My job affects all of Hickam in that: We're ultimately responsible for the proper etiquette with regard to rank, precedence, and recognition for all ceremonies and visits. We never want to embarrass the wing commander, Air Force, or Team Hickam.

When not at work, I spend my off duty time: Enjoying motherhood with my two children ages 4 and 6 and my extended family often on the flightline.

Something people don't know about the 15th AW Protocol: The Aloha Conference Center which hosts various conferences at all levels falls under the provision of the protocol office.

If I could change one thing about Hickam, it would be: I would post directional signs for the quality of life establishments like the officers club, Tradewinds Enlisted Club, Sea Breeze, commissary and base exchange.

What her supervisor says: Donna is a wonderful asset on the Wing Staff. She works relentlessly to ensure all dignitaries visiting our base have a great visit and all ceremonies are conducted appropriately. She is amazing in her dedication to excellence and integrity.

Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th AW



The 65th AS rocks because: The people that come in everyday make it a fun place to work. We have individuals from the top down that show a genuine interest for the squadron member's needs and concerns.

My job affects all of Hickam in that: I review flying training products for the air crew members while ensuring crew availability. And if the member isn't in compliance, then it impacts whether the mission takes off or not.

When not at work, I spend my off

duty time: In addition to the warrior runs, I enjoy the thrill of running the different 5K's held each month around Oahu.

Something people don't know about my unit: Why we wear the blue uniform. We wear the blue uniform to distinguish ourselves as members of special missions Hawaii. We transport high ranking individuals to the different areas within the Pacific Theater and beyond.

If I could change one thing about Hickam, it would be: Individuals competing for Airmen, NCO, and Sr. NCO of the quarter should appear before a quarter board. This would allow the candidates to compete against others within the same rank structure. This way the board members, in addition to looking at the Air Force form 1206, will be able to see the individual and put together the "total person concept" for that award winner.

What her supervisor says: Sergeant King takes initiative to get things done. She can do things with very little supervision. She is definitely a hard worker, responsible, and very dependable. She always follows through with everything she does.

Lt. Col. Stephen Turner, 65th AS

Team Hickam History:

The Air Force's most historic airfield

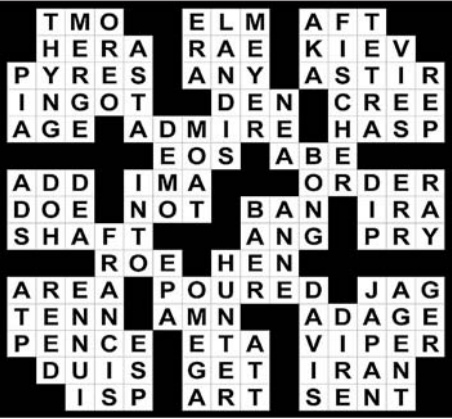
July 26, 1935 – Captain Howard B. Nurse, constructing quartermaster, arrived in Hawaii to plan, design, and supervise the construction of Hickam Field. He served as constructing quartermaster during the construction of Hamilton Field, California, before his assignment to Hawaii.

July 22, 1941 – Bellows Field (which had been known as "Waimanalo Military Reservation, Bellows Field"), is activated as a separate permanent Military Post. For the previous seven years, Bellows Field had chiefly been used by the Air Corps as a strafing and bombing practice site.

July 27, 1943 – On July 27, 1943, Colonel Joseph Duckworth, commander of the Army Air Forces Instrument Flying School in Bryan, Texas, flew an AT-6 Texan (a single-engine two-seat trainer) into a hurricane that was moving ashore near Galveston. This was the first intentional flight into the eye of a hurricane, proving it could be done. The following year, larger military airplanes began flying into hurricanes and Pacific typhoons to collect data for forecasters. Eight years later, Colonel Duckworth arrived at Hickam to take on the duties as 1500th Air Transport Wing Commander and Base Commander (19 March 1951 - 1 October 1952).

July 24, 1950 – The Transient Mess Hall in Block 57 was reopened, and the In-flight Mess operated in two shifts to handle the large influx of personnel transiting Hickam AFB because of the conflict in Korea.

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CHAPEL

Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

PROTESTANT

Nelles Chapel
Sunday Contemporary
Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Worship
11:15 a.m.
Sunday Praise Gathering
5:30 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Traditional
8:30 a.m.

JEWISH

Aloha Jewish Chapel,
Pearl Harbor
473-0050
Jewish Lay Leader
Mr. David Bender
527-5877
Naval Station Chapel
473-3971

CATHOLIC

Nelles Chapel
Weekday Mass
11:30 a.m.
Saturday Confessions
4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass 10 a.m.

ISLAMIC

Friday Congregational
Service
(1935 Aleo Place,
Punahou)
1 p.m.
Muslim Association
of Hawaii
947-6263

BUDDHIST

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii
Betsuin A Shin
Buddhist Temple
536-7044

ORTHODOX

For more information,
call 438-6687

SPORTS SHORTS**True Blue tournament**

The Chief's Group is sponsoring the inaugural True Blue Softball Tournament today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a competition between the ranks. The following groups will enter teams: Airmen's Council, 56 Council, Hawaii Top Three, Diamonds, Chief's Group, Company Grade Officers and Field Grade Officers. The Chief's Group will present a trophy to the winning team. To participate, members should contact their respective council or group. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Gary Webb at 449-7827 or email him at gary.webb@hickam.af.mil.

Golf tournament

The Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron is hosting a golf tournament July 29. Cost includes green fees, cart and prizes. E-1 through E-4 and GS-1 through GS-3, \$30. E-5 through O-3 and GS-4 through GS-8, \$40. O-4 and above, civilians and other DOD members, \$45. To sign up, send an email to brian.townsend@hickam.af.mil or toney.richey@hickam.af.mil. For more information call 449-7777 or 449-7781.

Running club

Hickam Fitness and Sports Center is recruiting runners of all levels to begin a running club. Advanced participants are needed as volunteers, all levels are welcome. Monthly discussions will occur including speed work, race etiquette, massage, nutrition, yoga for runners and more. For more information, contact Susanne Dale at 449-1044.

Hickam Swim Team

The Hickam Hurricanes program is dedicated to providing children an all-around competitive swimming program. Hickam Hurricanes swimmers are taught the correct swimming fundamentals and stroke mechanics for all four competitive strokes, competition starts and turns, and techniques to become more proficient competitive swimmers. Swimmers are placed in one of three groups according to ability, and progress through the levels through testing and the coach's discretion. For more information, check out the Hickam Hurricanes' Web site at <http://www.hickamhurricanes.com/>.

Youth basketball clinic

The Second Annual Inter-City Programs and 4-Foot of Game Basketball Camp and clinics is scheduled this summer at the Manoa Valley Recreation Center.

Guard clinic – Aug. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$65 and includes a t-shirt.

Post clinic – Aug. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$65 and includes a t-shirt.

Camp – Aug. 8 to 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$150 and includes a reversible jersey, a pair of shorts and a t-shirt.

The clinics and camps will feature guest appearances from a variety of University of Hawaii men and women basketball players, awards and prizes.

Registration forms are available at the Manoa Valley Recreation Center at 988-4747. For more information, contact Phil Handy at 916-419-3136.

Battle of the Branches

HIANG players show their stuff during tournament

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

The Crush truly crushed all the competition during the Battle of the Branches Softball Tournament Saturday.

The Crush team was made

up of members from the Hawaii Air National Guard.

The 15th Medical Group hosted the inaugural event.

"We put on the event to raise money for the booster club for the morale of the 15th Medical Group members," said Senior Airman Shannon

Stokes, 15th MDG.

Ten teams competed in the tournament with a total of 18 games.

"The event was spectacular," said Airman Stokes. "It was great for the teams, fans and volunteers."

The event hosted teams

from the Air Force, Army, Air National Guard and Navy.

"We weren't able to get a Marine team together," said Airman Stokes.

The event lasted all day Saturday with the beginning game at 8 a.m. The final game was the Crush versus Left Out, a team made of Army members.

"The tournament instilled camaraderie and esprit de corps not only for the Air Force members on Team

Hickam, but also for various branches around Oahu," said Airman Stokes.

The winning team was given a \$70 Army and Air Force Exchange Service Gift Card, and a 15th MDG coin and t-shirt for each player. The runners-up, Left Out, received a cooler full of drinks, a \$20 AAFES Gift Card and a coin from the 15th MDG.

"We plan to host this event annually," said Senior Airman Stokes.



Anthony Bishop, Army, concentrates on a pitch as he is about to connect for a line drive during Saturday's Battle of the Branches Softball Tournament.



(Above) Tom Rogers of "Charlie Rock" applies the tag on a sliding runner at third base.

(Below) Preston Preiss, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, initiates a double play during the softball tournament.



HIANG wins again



Photos by Angela Elbern

(Above) Marcus Dellasala and Pomai Kalama, Hawaii Air National Guard 1, attempt to block Dave Lopes, HIANG 2, from getting the ball over the net during the intramural championships. HIANG 1 won the championship after an undefeated season and only losing one of three games in the playoffs.

(Left) Rich Costa, 6 HIANG 2, attempts to get the ball over the net and past Marcus Dellasala and Ryan Hunt, HIANG 1.

Hickam paddlers hope to compete for state

By Master Sgt. Francis Deniz
Pacific Air Forces

For nine Hickam Airmen who paddle for Ka Mamalahoe Canoe Club, Aug. 7 is a date filled with anticipation and special meaning, as it marks the Hawaii Canoe Racing Association State Championships in Maui.

The HCRA State Championships is the culmination of an outrigger canoe paddling regatta sprint season which began in May. It will bring together more than 3,000 paddlers from 50 canoe clubs around the state competing in 36 race events ranging in crew divisions from ages 12 to 65, all men crews, all women crews, and mixed crews (men & women).

Six of the Airmen who make up an all-Air Force crew, compete in the Mixed Novice Division. Ronelle Simmons, Pacific Air Forces, Guy Dashnea, 15th Security Forces Squadron, Anthony Florentine, 324th Intelligence Squadron, Robert Brown, PACAF, Merlinda Vergonio, PACAF, and Kimberly Lee, PACAF, have already clinched a spot and top seeding with record setting performances at six of the Oahu Canoe Racing Regattas this season.

Ka Mamalahoe Assistant coach, Scotty Thompson, could only heap praise for his prized “air crew.”

“When we put this crew together, I knew they would be tough to beat, but to my surprise, they have been pretty close to unbeatable,” he said. “They smashed the Mixed Novice quarter-mile course record at Maili Beach by six seconds and are now the favorites headed into the Oahu Championships Saturday and the State Championships Aug. 7.”

Considered the Official State



Courtesy photo

Three Hickam paddlers, along with three local paddlers, compete in a mens race at Kailua Beach. The three paddlers are (from left to

right) Frank Deniz, Pacific Air Forces, Roger Ponce, 15th Security Forces Squadron, and Jake Kearney, 324th Intelligence Squadron.

Sport of Hawaii, the outrigger canoe paddling championship will receive local and national media coverage. ESPN will send a twenty man crew to televise the event.

“We’re pumped and ready to go,” said Mixed Novice Steersman Merlinda Vergonio. “We started the season as underdogs, but now everyone’s gunning for us. Having the championships televised on ESPN brings added pressure and high expectations, but we’ll be ready.”

For three other Hickam Airmen, Jake Kearney, 324th IS, Roger Ponce, 15th SFS and Frank Deniz, PACAF, competing in the Men’s Junior Division, it will come down to the Oahu Championships Saturday to find out if they qualify for the finals on Maui.

“We have consistently been in the top three all year, but only the overall top three from Oahu will go to the state championships.”

said Kearney. “I know we can pull off a top three finish at the Oahu Championships and make it. We have worked really hard and having the opportunity to compete in such a prestigious event would be a tremendous experience.”

Coach Thompson echoed those same sentiments.

“Our junior men’s crew is a tough bunch of guys in a very talented division,” the coach said. “Jake, Roger and Frank are the heart and soul of that crew who have been a real joy to coach. I wish we could get more people like them to come out and paddle.”

Thompson also singled out other Hickam paddlers for their key contributions to the success of Ka Mamalahoe Canoe Club: Jackie Brown, 15th Operations Group, Lisa Jones, 15th Airlift Wing Safety office, and Jacqueline Coward, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.



Six Hickam Airmen make up the Ka Mamalahoe Canoe Clubs Mix Novice Crew. From left to right: (back row) Guy Dashnea, Ronnelle Simmons, Kimberly Lee, Anthony Florentine (front row) Merlinda Vergonio, Robert Brown (kneeling).

